U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Washington, DC

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Pamphlets, Brochures, and Folders

as requisitioned from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) by the

Document Automation and Production Service (DAPS) (Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense)

Single Award

TERM OF CONTRACT: The term of this contract is for the period beginning Date of Award and ending March 31, 2010, plus up to four (4) optional 12-month extension period(s) that may be added in accordance with the "OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT" clause in SECTION 1 of this contract.

BID OPENING: Bids shall be publicly opened at 11:00 a.m., prevailing Washington, DC time, on May 7, 2009.

BID SUBMISSION: Submit bid in pre-addressed envelope furnished with solicitation or send to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Bid Section, Room C-161, Stop: PPSB, 36 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401. Facsimile bids in response to this solicitation are permitted. Facsimile bids may be submitted directly to the GPO Bid Section, Fax No. (202) 512-1782. The program number and bid opening date must be specified with the bid. Refer to Facsimile Bids in Solicitation Provisions of GPO Contract Terms, GPO Publication 310.2, as revised June 2001.

PRODUCTION AREA: It is assumed that all production facilities used in the manufacture of the product(s) ordered under this contract will be located within a 60-mile radius of zero milestone Washington, DC.

Any bidder intending to use production facilities outside this area should furnish information with the bid which will, on its face, demonstrate ability to meet the schedule requirements. The determination by the Government of the acceptability of this information in no way relieves the successful bidder of the responsibility for compliance with these schedule requirements.

THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM. THERE IS NO ABSTRACT AVAILABLE.

For information of a technical nature, call Linda Giacomo at (202) 512-0341. (No collect calls.)

SECTION 1. – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

GPO CONTRACT TERMS: Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to the applicable provisions, clauses, and supplemental specifications of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 6-01)) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 8-02)).

GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2) – http://www.gpo.gov/printforms/pdf/terms.pdf.

GPO QATAP (GPO Publication 310.1) – http://www.gpo.gov/printforms/pdf/qatap.pdf.

DISPUTES: GPO Publication 310.2, GPO Contract Terms, Contract Clause 5. Disputes, is hereby replaced with the June 2008 clause found at http://www.gpo.gov/printforms/pdf/contractdisputes.pdf. This June 2008 clause also cancels and supersedes any other disputes language currently included in existing contractual actions.

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing (page related) Attributes Level II.
- (b) Finishing (item related) Attributes Level II.

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

Attribute Specified Standard

P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity Proofs/Average Type Dimension/ Electronic Media

P-8. Halftone Match (Single and Double Impression) Proofs/Electronic Media

P-10. Process Color Match Proofs

OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT: The Government has the option to extend the term of this contract for a period of 12 months by written notice to the contractor not later than 30 days before the contract expires. If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this clause, except, the total duration of the contract may not exceed five (5) years as a result of, and including, any extension(s) added under this clause. Further extension may be negotiated under the "EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM" clause. See also "ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT" for authorized pricing adjustment(s).

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM: At the request of the Government, the term of any contract resulting from this solicitation may be extended for such period of time as may be mutually agreeable to the GPO and the contractor.

ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT: The pricing under this contract shall be adjusted in accordance with this clause, provided that in no event will any pricing adjustment be made that would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. There will be no adjustment for orders placed during the first period specified below. Pricing will thereafter be eligible for adjustment during the second and any succeeding performance period(s). For each performance period after the first, a percentage figure will be calculated as described below and that figure will be the economic price adjustment for that entire next period. Pricing adjustments under this clause are not applicable to reimbursable postage or transportation costs, or to paper, if paper prices are subject to adjustment by separate clause elsewhere in this contract.

For the purpose of this clause, performance under this contract will be divided into successive periods. The first period will extend from Date of Award to March 31, 2010, and the second and any succeeding period(s) will extend for 12 months from the end of the last preceding period, except that the length of the final period may vary. The first day of the second and any succeeding period(s) will be the effective date of the economic price adjustment for that period.

Pricing adjustments in accordance with this clause will be based on changes in the seasonally adjusted "Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers – Commodities less Food" (Index) published monthly in the CPI Detailed Report by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The economic price adjustment will be the percentage difference between Index averages as specified in this paragraph. An index called the variable index will be calculated by averaging the monthly Indexes from the 12-month interval ending three (3) months prior to the beginning of the period being considered for adjustment. This average is then compared to the average of the monthly Indexes for the 12-month interval ending December 31, 2008, called the base index. The percentage change (plus or minus) of the variable index from the base index will be the economic price adjustment for the period being considered for adjustment.

The Government will notify the contractor by contract modification specifying the percentage increase or decrease to be applied to invoices for orders placed during the period indicated. The contractor shall apply the percentage increase or decrease against the total price of the invoice less reimbursable postage or transportation costs and separately adjusted paper prices. Payment discounts shall be applied after the invoice price is adjusted.

PREAWARD SURVEY: In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site preaward survey at the contractor's/subcontractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract.

ASSIGNMENT OF JACKETS, PURCHASE AND PRINT ORDERS: A GPO jacket number will be assigned and a purchase order issued to the contractor to cover work performed. The purchase order will be supplemented by an individual print order for each job placed with the contractor. The print order, when issued, will indicate the quantity to be produced and any other information pertinent to the particular order.

ORDERING: Items to be furnished under the contract shall be ordered by the issuance of print orders by the Government. Orders may be issued under the contract from Date of Award through March 31, 2010, plus for such additional period(s) as the contract is extended. All print orders issued hereunder are subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. The contract shall control in the event of conflict with any print order. A print order shall be "issued", for purposes of the contract, when it is either deposited in the U.S. Postal Service mail or otherwise furnished to the contractor in conformance with the schedule.

REQUIREMENTS: This is a requirements contract for the items and for the period specified herein. Shipment/delivery of items or performance of work shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the clause entitled "ORDERING." The quantities of items specified herein are estimates only, and are not purchased hereby. Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, if the Government's requirements for the items set forth herein do not result in orders in the amounts or quantities described as "estimated," it shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment under this contract.

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the Government shall order from the contractor all the items set forth which are required to be purchased by the Government activity identified on page 1.

The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor, requirements in excess of the limit on total orders under this contract, if any.

Orders issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that time shall be completed by the contractor within the time specified in the order, and the rights and obligations of the contractor and the Government respecting those orders shall be governed by the terms of this contract to the same extent as if completed during the effective period of this contract.

If shipment/delivery of any quantity of an item covered by the contract is required by reason of urgency prior to the earliest date that shipment/delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated shipment/delivery, the Government may procure this requirement from another source.

The Government may issue orders which provide for shipment/delivery to or performance at multiple destinations.

Subject to any limitations elsewhere in this contract, the contractor shall furnish to the Government all items set forth herein which are called for by print orders issued in accordance with the "ORDERING" clause of this contract.

SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications cover the production of self-covered pamphlets, brochures, and folders requiring such operations as electronic prepress, printing in four-color process, binding, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Pamphlets, Brochures, and Folders.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS: Approximately 15 to 20 orders per year.

QUANTITY: Approximately 2,000 to 4,000 copies per order.

NUMBER OF PAGES:

Pamphlets – Approximately 24 to 40 pages per order.

Brochures – Face and back.

Folders – Face only (before construction).

TRIM SIZE:

Pamphlets − 5-1/2 x 8-1/2".

Brochures – 3-3/4 x 8-1/2"; 3-11/16 x 8-1/2" (finished sizes).

Folders – 9 x 12" (finished size).

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH: Electronic media will be furnished as follows –

Platform: IBM (or compatible) using Windows XP; Macintosh 10.5.6.

Storage Media: CD-R; DVD.

Software: Adobe InDesign CS3.

All platform system and software upgrades (for specified applications) which may

occur during the term of the contract must be supported by the contractor.

Fonts: All printer and screen fonts will be furnished.

Contractor is cautioned that furnished fonts are the property of the Government and/or its originator. All furnished fonts are to be eliminated from the contractor's

archive immediately after completion of the contract.

Additional

Information: Files will be furnished in native application format.

Visuals of electronic files will be furnished.

Visuals will be output on a printer using PostScript language.

Visuals will be output at less than 100% to show bleeds and color breaks. Electronic media will include all illustrations and graphics furnished in place.

CMYK will be used for color identification.

GPO Form 952 (Desktop Publishing – Disk Information) will be furnished.

Previously printed sample of each product will be furnished.

One reproduction proof, Form 905 (R. 6/03), with labeling and marking specifications.

A supply of blue labels and selection certificates for shipping Departmental Random copies.

Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except GPO imprint, form number, and revision date, carried in the electronic files, must not print on the finished product.

CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH: All materials and operations, other than those listed under "GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH," necessary to produce the products in accordance with these specifications.

ELECTRONIC PREPRESS: Prior to image processing, the contractor shall perform a basic check (preflight) of the furnished media and publishing files to assure correct output of the required reproduction image. Any errors, media damage, or data corruption that might interfere with proper file image processing must be reported to: Steve Lusher at (703) 931-9180, # 242.

The contractor shall create or alter any necessary trapping, set proper screen angles and screen frequency, and define file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. Furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned quality level.

All halftones are to be 150-line screen or finer.

When required by the Government, the contractor shall make minor revisions to the electronic files. It is anticipated that the Government will make all major revisions.

Prior to making revisions, contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes to the copy.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. The Government will not accept, as digital deliverables, PostScript files, Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files, or any proprietary file formats other than those supplied, unless specified by the Government. (The Government will accept Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files as digital deliverables when furnished by the Government.)

PROOFS: One (1) set of digital one-piece composite laminated color proofs on the actual production stock (Kodak Approval, Screen TrueRite, Dupont Thermal Waterproof, Polaroid PolaProof, CreoSpectrum, or Fuji Final Proof) with a minimum resolution of 2400 dpi. At contractor's option, a film-based composite laminated color proof on the actual production stock may be submitted provided direct to plate is used to produce the final product. The make and model number of the proofing system utilized shall be furnished with the proofs.

These proofs must have all elements in press configuration and must indicate margins. Proofs will be used for color match on press and must show dot structure. Inkjet, photographic, and overlay proofs are not acceptable. The proofs must contain color control bars for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers. The control bars (such as Brunner, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT) must show areas consisting of minimum 3/16 x 3/16" solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50, and 75%; dot gain scale; and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated consecutively across the sheet.

If any contractor's errors are serious enough in the opinion of the GPO to require revised proofs, the revised proofs are to be provided at no expense to the Government. No extra time can be allowed for this reproofing; such operations must be accomplished within the original production schedule allotted in the specifications.

Contractor must not print prior to the receipt of an "O.K. to Print."

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12" dated February 1, 2008.

Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12 – http://www.gpo.gov/acquisition/paperspecs_vol12.htm.

All paper used in each copy must be of a uniform shade.

All cover paper must have the grain parallel to the spine.

Pamphlets – White No. 2 Coated Text, Gloss-finish, basis weight: 80 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A182.

Brochures $(7-1/2 \times 8-1/2)$ " flat size) – White No. 2 Coated Cover, Gloss-finish, basis weight: 60 lbs. per 500 sheets, 20 x 26", equal to JCP Code L12.

Brochures (11 x 8-1/2" flat size) – White No. 2 Coated Text, Gloss-finish, basis weight: 100 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A182.

Folders – Coated One-side Cover (C1S), 15 pt. thickness, equal to JCP Code L70.

PRINTING:

Pamphlets – Print head-to-head in four-color process. All pages have full ink coverage. Some type reverses out to white. Pages have screens and solid colors created through four-color process builds.

Facing pages print to and must align across the bind.

Brochures – Print face and back in four-color process. Brochures have full ink coverage. Some type reverses out to white. Brochures have screens and solid colors created through four-color process builds.

After printing, coat the entire surface (face and back) with a clear, gloss UV coating.

Folders – Two-pocket folders print face only (before construction) in four-color process. Folders have full ink coverage.

After printing, coat the entire printed surface in a clear, non-yellowing aqueous coating.

NOTE: All orders must be printed on a press capable of printing four colors in a single pass through the press (minimum four printing units).

MARGINS: Margins will be as indicated on the print order or furnished electronic media.

Most products bleed on all four sides.

BINDING:

Pamphlets – Saddle-wire stitch in two places and trim three sides. Each product must contain complete four-page signatures after trimming. Single leaves connected with a lip (i.e., binding stub) to the left or right side of stitches will not be allowed.

Score on self-cover fold.

Brochures - Trim four sides. Fold as follows:

Fold from a flat size of $7-1/2 \times 8-1/2$ down to $3-3/4 \times 8-1/2$ " with one fold, title out.

Fold from a flat size of 11 x 8-1/2" down to 3-11/16 x 8-1/2" with two parallel wraparound folds, title out.

Score on folds.

CONSTRUCTION:

Two-Pocket Folders –

Pocket folders fold from a flat size of 18 x 12" down to a finished size of 9 x 12".

Folders include two inside horizontal pockets (4" deep) on the left and right side of the folder. Pockets are glued on the outside edge and open towards center with a "V" cut. Round inner pocket corners.

Pocket on right side requires four standard (diagonal) business card slits to hold one business card.

All glue tabs must be 7/8" and glued inside finished product (no printing on glue tabs).

Score on all folds.

PACKING: Shrink-film wrap each product in units of 50 copies.

Pack suitable in shipping containers not to exceed 45 pounds when fully packed.

All shipments which fill less than a shipping container must be packaged with materials of sufficient strength and durability and in such a manner which will guarantee that the product will not be damaged and the package will not open nor split when shipped.

LABELING AND MARKING: Reproduce shipping container label from furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

DEPARTMENTAL RANDOM COPIES (BLUE LABEL): All orders must be divided into equal sublots in accordance with the chart below. A random copy must be selected from each sublot. Do not choose copies from the same general area in each sublot. The contractor will be required to execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

Quantity Ordered			Number of Sublots
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500	-	3,200	50
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These randomly selected copies must be packed separately and identified by a special Government-furnished blue label, affixed to each affected container. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Attn: Steve Lusher, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 800, Falls Church, VA 22041.

A copy of the print order/specification and a signed Government-furnished certificate of selection must be included.

A copy of the Government-furnished certificate must accompany the invoice sent to the U.S. Government Printing Office, Financial Management Service, for payment. Failure to furnish the certificate may result in delay in processing the invoice.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES: In addition to the Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label), the contractor may be required to submit quality assurance random copies to test for compliance against the specifications. The print order will indicate the number required, if any. When ordered, the contractor must divide the entire order into equal sublots and select a copy from a different general area of each sublot. The contractor will be required to execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. Copies will be paid for at the running rate offered in the contractor's bid and their cost will not be a consideration for award.

Business Reply Mail labels will be furnished for mailing the quality assurance random copies. The copies are to be mailed at the same time as the first scheduled shipment. A copy of the print order must be included.

A U.S. Postal Service approved Certificate of Mailing, identified by Program, Jacket, and Print Order numbers, must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

DISTRIBUTION: Deliver f.o.b. destination to: Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Attn: Steve Lusher, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 800, Falls Church, VA 22041.

When ordered, deliver f.o.b. destination GPO "depository" and "file" copies to two addresses within the commercial zone of Washington, DC. (Complete addresses and quantities will be furnished with each print order, when required.)

NOTE: An occasional order may require some copies to ship/mail f.o.b. contractor's city (*reimbursable*) to one address nationwide, as specified on the print order. Contractor will be reimbursed for shipping/postage costs by submitting a properly completed shipping/postal service form (or equivalent) with billing invoice for payment.

Upon completion of each order, all furnished material must be returned to: Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Attn: Steve Lusher, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 800, Falls Church, VA 22041.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning materials, submitting proofs, and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

SCHEDULE: Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. Contractor must not start production of any job prior to receipt of the individual print order (GPO Form 2511).

Furnished material and proofs must be picked up from and delivered to: Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Attn: Steve Lusher, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 800, Falls Church, VA 22041.

No definite schedule for pickup of material can be predetermined.

The following schedule begins the workday after notification of availability of print order and furnished material; the workday after notification will be the first workday of the schedule.

Contractor must complete production and distribution within seven (7) workdays.

No specific date is set for submission of proofs. Proofs must be submitted as soon as possible to allow for revised proofs if contractor's errors are judged serious enough to require them.

Proofs will be withheld no more than two (2) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until they are made available for pickup. (NOTE: The first workday after receipt of proofs at the ordering agency is day one (1) of the hold time.)

NOTE: All proof and transit time is included in the seven-workday schedule.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the print order is the date products ordered for delivery f.o.b. destination must be delivered to the destination(s) specified and the date products ordered for shipping/mailing f.o.b. contractor's city be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service or picked up by the small package carrier.

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with each order or shortly thereafter. In the event such information is not received in due time, the contractor will not be relieved of any responsibility in meeting the shipping schedule because of failure to request such information.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor is to notify the U.S. Government Printing Office of the date of shipment (or delivery, if applicable). Call (202) 512-0516 or 0517; callers outside the Washington, DC area may call toll free 1-800-424-9470 or 9471.

SECTION 3. – DETERMINATION OF AWARD

The Government will determine the lowest bid by applying the prices offered in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" to the following units of production which are the estimated requirements to produce one (1) year's production under this contract. These units do not constitute, nor are they to be construed as, a guarantee of the volume of work which may be ordered for a like period of time.

The following item designations correspond to those listed in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

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SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Bids offered f.o.b. contractor's city for all shipping/mailing and f.o.b. destination for all other shipments.

Prices must include the cost of all required materials and operations for each item listed in accordance with these specifications.

Bidder must make an entry in each of the spaces provided. Bids submitted with any obliteration, revision, or alteration of the order and manner of submitting bids may be declared non-responsive.

An entry of NC (No Charge) shall be entered if bidder intends to furnish individual items at no charge to the Government.

Bids submitted with NB (No Bid) or blank spaces for an item may be declared non-responsive.

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject any offer that contains prices for individual items of production (whether or not such items are included in the DETERMINATION OF AWARD) that are inconsistent or unrealistic in regard to other prices in the same offer or to GPO prices for the same operation if such action would be in the best interest of the Government.

All invoices submitted to the GPO shall be based on the most economical method of production.

Fractional parts of 1,000 will be prorated at the per-1,000 rate.

A charge will be allowed for each page, whether printed or blank.

Unless otherwise specified, no more than three blank pages may be permitted at the end of the text for saddle-stitched products.

I. PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION: Prices offered shall include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary (including proofs and stock/paper) for the printing, binding, packing, and distribution of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

		Makeready and/or Setup (1)	Running Per 1,000 Copies (2)
(a)	Pamphlets – Printing in four-color process, including bindingper page	5	\$
(b)	Brochures (7-1/2 x 8-1/2" flat size) – Printing face and back in four-color process, including UV coating and binding per brochure	5	\$
(c)	Brochures (11 x 8-1/2" flat size) – Printing face and back in four-color process, including UV coating and binding per brochure	5	\$
(d)	Folders – Printing in four-color process, including aqueous coating and constructionper folder	8	\$

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